**Revalidation submission**

**Gold accredited services - Neonatal services**

Facilities accredited as Gold Baby Friendly service must demonstrate in an ongoing way that they continue to maintain the core Baby Friendly standards and to further enhance the service. This process will involve periodic revalidation with an annual report in the intervening years. The initial revalidation will take place after **two** and **four** years after accreditation and then every three years subsequently. This revalidation process will include an update from the leadership team on progress, successes and challenges over the first year, a review of progress with any recommendations made in last year’s Achieving Sustainability assessment report, annual audit results, the most recent infant feeding data and confirmation of continuing adherence to the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (the Code).

Please use this form to tell us the story of your progress with Achieving Sustainability standards within the last year. This will include submission from your portfolio of relevant documents, for example minutes of meetings, evaluation and feedback summaries, reports on innovations and projects. In addition, where changes have occurred please give details and include the new documentation, for example if you have a new leadership structure please describe this to us and include a change of circumstance form if not already submitted.

Facilities are requested to complete the form and submit along with portfolio evidence a week before the revalidation date scheduled. Please make sure that the Baby Friendly lead, head of Service and Guardian are available on the planned day for interview (year 2) and subsequently to support delivery of a presentation about progress to the Baby Friendly assessor. Revalidations will take place online.

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| **Organisation name:** |  |
| **Contact name, email & telephone:**  |  |
| **Date of Gold accreditation:** |  |
| **Date of this revalidation report:** |  |
| **Number of staff in the service** |  |

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* **Head of Service**
* **Guardian**
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| **Summary of changes related to each of the Achieving Sustainability standards** |
| **Review of progress made in relation to previous recommendations** |
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**Reports**

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| **Baby Friendly Lead report***Please tell us about progress made in the last year. This should include challenges faced, successes and any learning from these. You may also wish to comment on any threats to the programme together with opportunities identified and taken.* ***At year four, then subsequently three yearly:*** *we will ask you to develop and present a Powerpoint presentation to explain your progress covering not only the previous year, but the work and progress to date.* |
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| **Head of Service report***Please tell us about progress made in the last year. This should include challenges faced, successes and any learning from these. You may also wish to comment on any threats to the programme together with opportunities identified and taken.* |
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| **Guardian report***Please tell us about progress made in the last year. This should include challenges faced, successes and any learning from these. You may also wish to comment on any threats to the programme together with opportunities identified and taken.* |
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**The standards**

*Please consider how each standard has been met over the last year. You may need to refer to the Gold application form to help you consider what progress has been made. Please include any relevant documents with this submission. Significant changes should be documented on a change of circumstance form.*

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| **Theme 1 – Leadership** |

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| The role, responsibilities and capacity of the team remain largely unchanged. | Yes/NoIf yes, proceed to next section. If no, please describe minor changes in the box below or, for significant changes, complete and submit a change of circumstance form.  |
| Summary of changes |  |

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| **Theme 2 - Culture** |

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| The processes in place to enhance the culture within the organisation remain largely unchanged | Yes/NoIf yes, proceed to next section. If no, please describe minor changes in the box below or, for significant changes, complete and submit a change of circumstance form.  |
| Summary of changes |  |

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| **Theme 3 - Monitoring** |

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| Monitoring and reporting processes remain largely unchanged | Yes/NoIf yes, proceed to next section. If no, please describe minor changes in the box below or for significant changes, complete and submit a change of circumstance form.  |
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| **Theme 4 – Progression** |

*Please refer to your original Gold application form and/or last years revalidation submission and tell us about any changes that have occurred in the last year related to this standard. This may include changes or cessation to any of the previously described projects/innovations. Significant changes should be documented on a change of circumstance form.*

*New projects should be listed below and described on the improvement report template and included in the relevant section of your portfolio.*

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| Changes/improvements previously reported which are **largely unchanged.** Please list titles of submissions from last year.  |  |
| Changes/improvements previously reported **which have been changed.**Please list titles of submissions from last year |  |
| Summary of changes |  |
| New projects  |  |
| Collaborative working with other local agencies remains largely unchanged | Yes/NoIf no, please describe changes |

**Actions taken in response to previous recommendations**

*Please tell us about any actions taken in relation to recommendations in the Gold Assessment report.*

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**Latest audit results**

*Please note that your audit should have been carried out on a random sample of staff (or all staff), not just on those who have completed the training, and a random sample of mothers.*

*Check the guidance document for re-assessment for recommended sample sizes. The question numbers relate to the question numbers in the relevant audit tool.*

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| **Number of staff included in audit:** |  |
| **Number of breastfeeding mothers included in audit:**  |  |
| **Number of formula feeding mothers included in audit:** |  |

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| **Standard 1 – Support parents to have a close and loving relationship****with their baby** |

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| **Staff understand…** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 1a. The importance of developing a close and loving relationship |  |
| 1b. Why this is particularly important on the neonatal unit |  |
| 1c. How to support this process |  |
| 1d. Why skin contact/kangaroo care is important for preterm/sick babies |  |
| 1e. How to support parents who are bottle feeding to bottle feed responsively |  |
| **All mothers were….** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 1a. supported to get to know her baby in the early days |  |
| 1b. had the importance of this explained to her |  |
| 1c. had skin to skin contact with her baby as early and as often as possible |  |
| 1d. supported to give EBM by bottle (mothers providing EBM for their baby) |  |
| **Bottle feeding mothers were….** |  |
| 1d. given information on how to feed her baby responsively |  |
| 1e. shown to make up her baby’s feeds |  |

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| **Standard 2 Enable babies to receive breastmilk and to breastfeed****when possible** |

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| **Standard 2. Staff can describe/demonstrate….** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 2a. Why breastmilk is particularly important for preterm babies |  |
| 2b. How to help a mother initiate lactation |  |
| 2c. How to help a mother maintain her milk supply |  |
| 2d. How to support a mother to make the transition to breastfeeding her baby |  |
| 2e. The key principles of positioning and attachment |  |
| 2f. How babies attach to the breast |  |
| 2g. The signs of effective attachment |  |
| 2h. Why effective attachment is important |  |
| 2i. Why hand expressing is useful |  |
| 2j. How to support a mother with hand expressing |  |
| 2k. How to support a mother to make the transition to responsive/modified responsive feeding |  |
| 2l. The signs that a baby is receiving enough breastmilk |  |
| 2m. Why it is important to avoid allowing advertising of formula milks in the health care system |  |
| **Mothers confirmed that they….** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 2a. had the importance of breastmilk explained  |  |
| 2b. were supported to start expressing as soon as possible |  |
| 2c. were shown how to express by hand and pump |  |
| 2d. know how to ensure a good milk supply |  |
| 2e. had support to keep expressing |  |
| 2f. had support with breastfeeding |  |
| 2g. were prepared for going home with the baby |  |

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| **Standard 3 Value parents as partners in care.** |

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| **Standard 3. Staff understand…** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 3a. Why it is important to recognise parents as parents in care |  |
| 3b. How to create a culture where parents are recognised as the primary caregivers |  |
| 3c. How to create an environment which enables parents to be the primary caregivers |  |
| 3d. How to communicate with parents sensitively and effectively |  |
| **All mothers confirmed that ….** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 3a. felt fully involved in their baby’s care |  |
| 3b. were able to be with their baby whenever they wanted |  |
| 3c. were made to feel at home on the unit |  |

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|  **General**  |

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| **Mothers…** | **% giving correct/adequate response** |
| 4a. Had a conversation about safer sleep |  |
| 4b. Received written information or were referred to appropriate websites |  |
| 4c. Mother happy with care overall | very happy |  |
| fairly happy |  |
| unhappy |  |
| 4d. Staff were kind and considerate | always |  |
| mostly |  |
| sometimes |  |
| not at all |  |

**Action planning**

*Please describe the actions you are taking in response to any issues with the audit findings:*

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Please tell us about any major change in the service which have resulted in significant gaps in care provision, or any other external assessment which has highlighted significant problems for example poor CQC report, an external review of the service, service in special measures etc.

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| **Coronavirus, Covid -19***Please tell us about Covid-19 locally, including actions taken to mitigate the impact for sustainability of the Baby Friendly programme.* |
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**Breastfeeding statistics**

Please provide your latest data in the table below – in percentages only and covering an entire year of collection where possible. More information about the data fields can be found here: [unicef.org.uk/babyfriendly/baby-friendly-resources/implementing-standards-resources/neonatal-guide-to-the-standards/data-for-neonatal-units/](https://www.unicef.org.uk/babyfriendly/baby-friendly-resources/implementing-standards-resources/neonatal-guide-to-the-standards/data-for-neonatal-units/)

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| **Breastfeeding data**  | **Percentage** |
| Mothers expressing breastmilk during the first 24 hours following their admission to the neonatal unit  |  |
| Babies receiving human milk in the first 24 hours after admission to the neonatal unit  |  |
| Babies receiving human milk when they leave the unit  |  |
| Mothers expressing when their baby leaves the unit  |  |
| Mothers breastfeeding their baby when they leave the unit  |  |
| Period of collection  |  |

**Policies and guidelines**

**Supplementary information**

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| Does the policy full cover all the Baby Friendly Initiative Standards? | Yes/No  |
| Does the policy prohibit the display or distribution of materials which promote breastmilk substitutes, feeding bottles, teats and dummies? | Yes/No  |
| Percentage of staff trained and/or updated | Neonatal nurses |  |
| Nursery nurses |  |
| Health care assistants |  |
| Paediatric medical staff |  |
| Managers |  |
| Other |  |
| Overall number of staff |  |

**Additional data**

*Please tell us about any additional data that the service collects and how this has changed over the last year.*

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*Use this box to any additional comments that you feel will substantiate your case for the Gold Award revalidation.*

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***Complete this section at your three yearly revalidation only***

***(i.e at year 4, then subsequent three yearly)***

**Breastfeeding trends**

*Please tell us about the data over time, starting at the time of your Gold assessment:*

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| **Feeding type** | **Age/stage collected** | **Year (Gold)** | **Year** | **Year** | **Year** | **Year** |
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| **Exclusive breastfeeding** | **Initiation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx days/weeks** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx days/weeks** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx weeks/months** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Partial breastfeeding** | **Initiation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx days/weeks** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx days/weeks** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx weeks/months** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Formula feeding** | **Initiation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx days/weeks** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx days/weeks** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **xx weeks/months** |  |  |  |  |  |

🖉 **Signature page 1 – Gold revalidation – Head of Service**

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| **Declaration by Head of Service** |
| **Standard 4 – Ensure that there is no promotion of breastmilk substitutes, bottles, teats or dummies in any part of the facility or by any of the staff** |

The Head of Service is asked to confirm adherence to the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutesand sign the declaration below.

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| **Name of facility:** |  |
| **I confirm that we will fully implement the International Code of Breastmilk Substitutes (and subsequent relevant WHA resolutions)****I confirm that the information in this application form is accurate, to the best of my knowledge** |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Job title:** |  |
| **Signed:** |  | **Date:** |  |

🖉 **Signature page 2 – Gold revalidation**

**Confirming that the content of this form and the supplementary documentation submitted is a true reflection of the service provided.**

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| **Declaration by Baby Friendly lead**  |

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| **Name of facility:** |  |
| **Review date:** |  |
| **I confirm that the information submitted is a true reflection of the work undertaken within the service over the past 12 month period.**  |
| **Signed**  |  | **Date:** |  |

**Table of supporting documents**

Please list all documents you are submitting as part of this application. You should list the filename of the document below, and give each document a reference number e.g. D1, D2 etc. Only documents listed on this page will be reviewed by your assessor.

In the application, you can use this to reference a document, for example *“The leadership team structure consists of….(see D1)”*

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| **No.** | **Document titles** |
|  | **Leadership** |
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Thank you for completing this information. Please ensure this revalidation form and supporting documentation is sent a week before your revalidation meeting.

**Submitting your portfolio**

At revalidations you will be required to submit the relevant sections of your portfolio for the most recent calendar year. Our preferred method of submission is through our encrypted cloud storage system, Box. Once you are awarded Gold, you will be invited as a collaborator to a Box folder that you can use to upload documents / add folders as suggested. You should receive an invite email from Box.com to allow access, and we will also send a unique file uploading link, which you can use to send documents to the folder without a Box account.

If you cannot access the Box uploader page, please contact the Baby Friendly office to discuss alternative arrangements for sending the files: either by another secure transfer method or by email.